

1776, Dec 25

Washington crossed the Delaware R.
near Trenton, N.J. The attack took the Hessian
soldiers by surprise. There was 1000
prisoners

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The Second Continental Congress met after Lexington & Concord. The War had started. Declaration of Independence was signed July 4, 1776. Sam Adams signed with the rest.

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Franklin was 70 yrs old when he returned home from England. He was a member of the Second Continental Congress. 5 men (including Franklin) were chosen to write the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. All members of the Congress signed it.

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Thomas Jefferson went back to Virginia. He wanted to make sure that his state had the right kind of laws.

Up until this time the state church of Virginia was the Church of England. Now there would be no state church.

June 1776

The Continental Congress voted for independence. A committee of 5 men was named to write a statement declaring the colonies free. Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Jefferson were members.

Tom wrote in his ~~note~~ room.

The Congress made a few small changes
4 July, 1776 - they all signed

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Franklin was sent to France to ask for help. The king kept putting him off until Saratoga the king promised to send money, men, and ships to America. He stayed in France until after the War.

in the militia, Clark was made a Major
He was given command of all soldiers
in Kentucky. The French had built forts in
the Ohio Valley. The British had taken them over.
The strongest was Detroit, the Commander was
Capt. Colonel Henry Hamilton (paid Indians
for American scalps). Clark went back to Governor
Henry; asked for men, guns, and supplies. He
was promoted to Colonel.

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The Kentucky settlers held a meeting in Harrodsburg, they asked George Rogers Clark to visit the Governor of Virginia Patrick Henry at the time. He explained the settlers problems: We need gunpowder and a government. Clark got the gunpowder & got it to Kentucky just in time there was now real trouble with the Indians. Shortly Kentucky became a County in Virginia. The settlers became soldiers.

Lord Dunmore's War

George Clark became a soldier. (Kentucky was part of Virginia then) (Lord Dunmore was the English governor of Virginia)
The Indians were attacking settlers. Lord Dunmore led an army into Ohio and defeated the Indians in a big battle.
George Rogers Clark was a Captain in this Army